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Applicant:	James G. Shepard et al	Examiner:	Nathan A. Bowers
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Title:	STANDOFF BIOAGENT-DETECTION APPARATUS AND METHOD USING MULTI-WAVELENGTH DIFFERENTIAL LASER-INDUCED FLUORESCENCE		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 9, 2008, please amend the application as follows:

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one - month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from October 9, 2008 to November 9, 2008.